

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending in the above-captioned patent application following this amendment. Claims 1-60 are subject to a restriction requirement. The claims of Group I, Species II, which comprise claims 1-52, were elected. The restriction requirement was traversed to the extent that the Applicant believes the restriction requirement should be withdrawn as to the demarcation of Group I versus Group II claims (as amended), and that the Group I and Group II claims should be examined together. Claims 23, 53 and 58 were amended to correct a typographical error and/or to clarify what the Applicant regards as the invention, even though the Applicant believes the previously pending claims were allowable.

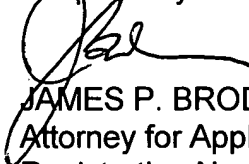
No new matter is believed to have been added by this response. Consideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-60 should be examined together for the reasons set forth above, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Alternatively, the Applicant submits that the elected species (Group I, Species II) comprises claims 1-52, which should be examined together. Additionally, the Applicant asserts that claims 1-60 are patentable. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-487-4077 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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